

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on July 2, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully considered. Reconsideration of the final rejections presented therein is requested for at least the following reasons.

In this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 2 and 5 without prejudice. Claims 6, 10 and 16 are the independent claims, and claims 6-22 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Initially, we wish to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 6-22.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by *Weaver* (US 5,935,268), and claim 5 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over *Weaver* in view of allegedly admitted prior art (AAPA). These rejections are each respectfully moot in light of the Amendment.

As only allowed claims 6-22 remain pending, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Such action and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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